

October Session 1866

In the Name of God Amen. I Andrew Rieck of the County of Catawba & State of North Carolina being in perfect health and of perfect sound mind & memory but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence make Publick & declare this my last will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say

Item 1st I will & bequeath to my Beloved wife Evaline my Trade whereon I now live together with all my personal property for her own use & benefit during her life if she remains unmarried but if she should marry again she is not to have any claim to the said Trade and other property aforesaid.

It is further my Will that after the death of my said wife Evaline my Trade together with all my other property money or notes then in hand shall be equally divided among all my lawful heirs to wit my four Children now present that is to say my daughter Francis & Rieck Jane of Rieck Sylvanus R Rieck & James E Rieck but as it is Probable that the family will increase in number hereafter & no provision made in this my Will it is my Will that if a child or children be born after my decease that the said child or children shall inherit an equal share of my estate with all my other Children.

And Lastly I hereby nominate and appoint my beloved friend J. Robinson my lawful executor to see contents of aforesaid to execute this my last will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same. In witness whereof I the said Andrew Rieck have hereunto set my hand & seal this 27th Sept. A.D. 1866.

Signed & sealed in the presence of

Andrew Rieck (Seal)

C. Gault
W. Gault

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204 We Elizabeth Gode Sarah Gode & Frances Gode sisters being in sound mind & disposing memory viewing the certainty of death to all flesh and the uncertainty of life and whereas we have lived together ever since our birth sharing with each other in all our trials & difficulties toyles and enjoyments and having held our worldly effects profits & labour as tenants in common in mutual love and affection and whereas we are all for advanced in age we are mutually desirous that the temporal blessings we possess shall be enjoyed to the last survivor do hereby make certain publish and declare the following articles to be our mutual will & Testament

1st We will & bequeath each unto the others all the property both real & personal lease or lease farms we may die possessed of to have & to hold the same for their own benefit sustenance & comfort to use & employ the same in any manner that may be necessary for their happiness or comfort.

2nd It is our mutual will & desire and it is the full intention of this will that at the death of the first or first death that the property herein specified shall accrue to the two survivors and at the death of the second member of the family the last survivor own & possess all that may then remain of said property.

3rd It is further our will & desire that the survivors pay all the just debts of the deceased and have their mortal remains entombed in a Christianlike manner.

We hereby nominate constitute and appoint our lawful executor to execute this our last will and Testament authorizing them to employ such counsel as may be necessary to enable them to carry out & claim the foregoing will hereby testifying and disavowing all other wills by us made Signed sealed published & declared to be our mutual will and testament this 6th day of April A.D. 1866

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of
J. P. Hiller
J. P. Cloutier

Elizabeth Gode (Seal)
Sarah Gode (Seal)
Frances Gode (Seal)

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